

KNIGHTHOOD IN SWEDEN IS SLOWLY DYING OUT

During Last Generation 125 Lines Have Terminated.

Stockholm.—Knighthood is still in flower in Sweden, although the petals are falling one by one. This sentiment is suggested by the fact that the assembly of nobles, which comes once every three years, has just been held in the historic Hall of Knights, attended by a score of counties and baronetcies many hundreds of years old.

The chamber of nobles, as such, has not been active in Swedish government since 1880, and scarcely any titles have been created since that time. Statistics soon to be printed show that there are at present in Sweden 52 lines of counts, 133 baronial lines and 485 other titled families. During the last generation about 125 different lines have terminated. It is a law in the chamber of nobles that a line ends if the family holding the title changes its nationality.

Thus many emigrants to America and other countries have sought new fortunes at the price of old titles. It is also a law that a Swedish aristocratic house must be declared extinct when there has been no male birth in it during a period of 90 years.

Swedish nobility had its origin, probably, in the Twelfth century, in privileges awarded for military service, and a great number of titles were created during the first half of the Seventeenth century by the famous King Gustavus Adolphus.

A few years after his death was built the beautiful Hall of Knights, where the assemblies are now held. With its curiously carved copper roof, its walls hung with gorgeous armorial bearings, it is one of the show places of the capital.

The Swedish nobles of today are great patrons of arts and sciences. Many are found in military and political posts, while others engage in model farming on their estates.

Polar Natives Say Slain Kin Hold Nightly Revel

Anchorage, Alaska.—Some natives of Alaska profess to believe that the angry spirits of the Aleuts massacred at the behest of the early Russian discoverers and traders under Shelikoff, Baranoff and Chirikoff are lurking in the volcanoes of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes.

Beneath the thin crust of the earth covering the lower Alaskan peninsula and the Aleutian archipelago, these spirits, the natives assert, are holding nightly revels and emerging periodically to hurl fire, smoke and thunder at the heads of the invaders.

The fanciful recital of the natives is that on Chirikoff island, long famed as haunted, a half hundred natives were lured into a log compound, set upon by savage enemies under direction of the Russians, murdered and despoiled of priceless sea otter skins. Their spirits are appearing again in protest. The eruption of three volcanoes in January is, they say, a re-visitation of these spirits and will continue until they are avenged.

For many years Chirikoff island has been a place seldom inhabited by natives or whites. Many harrowing tales from Chirikoff were brought here by Captain Nick Galkema, who has visited almost every nook and harbor along the Aleutians. Last summer the skipper braved the Valley of Smokes, emerging with the shoes burned from his feet and with many stories to tell.

Kill 500 Horses a Week for Food in Berlin

Washington.—Five hundred horses a week are being slaughtered for food in Berlin, according to reports to the Commerce department. With the increased scale of prices and added difficulties in food supply which have followed the Ruhr occupation, horse meat sales are said to be increasing rapidly. Horse meat sells now at 2,000 marks per pound, which is roughly equal to about 10 cents in American money.

Big Telescope for Russia. St. Albans, England.—One of the most wonderful telescopes in the world is nearing completion here for shipment to the Nikolaeff observatory, Russia. It weighs about nine tons, the inside diameter is 45 feet, the refracting telescope for photography is 32 inches, and the whole will be fitted to a revolving turret of steel.

Finds Gas Shut Off; Can't Keep Bargain

Chicago.—Oscar Schultz, whose cheese store recently was closed by his creditors, walked into a police station and asked to be arrested for breach of contract. He explained he sold his \$1,000 insurance policy to Arnold Heft for \$5, with the promise that he would go home and commit suicide by gas. After receiving the \$5 in a saloon he wended his way homeward to turn on the gas.

STOLEN PAPERS FOUND AT BALL

recovery of Diplomat's Wallet Just as Thrilling as Best of Nick Carter Tales.

Prague.—During the joyous days of the recent carnival in Prague there was performed, quite unknown to the revellers, a clever piece of detective work on the part of the local police which resulted in the restoring to a distracted diplomat of certain papers which to him were of the greatest importance.

The police worked quietly into the night life of the city, and such was their success that before the night was over the city jail had two new tenants and a young man was speeding out of Prague to the foreign office of his government, expressing heartfelt thanks to the local inspector of police who, in this narrative, can be referred to only as Mr. D.—

Valuable Papers Stolen. Mr. D.—, seated one afternoon in his office behind a pile of papers, was interrupted suddenly by a young diplomat representing one of the great powers of Europe, who declared his business to be most urgent. He related that a wallet containing documents of great value had been stolen. He had left it for a few moments on his writing table to go to another room in the legation, and when he returned it was gone. Furthermore, there were jewels in the wallet, his personal property, but their abstraction did not disturb the young foreigner half as much as the loss of the papers.

"I must leave Prague by the night train," he explained to the inspector, "and I will be ruined for life if these documents cannot be recovered."

Mr. D.— drove to the legation and looked over the wallet substituted for that of the diplomat. It contained a Prague newspaper from which a clipping had been made. The inspector secured an intact copy of this paper, and was thus able to read the clipping cut out by the thief. Also Mr. D.— found traces of face powder between the leaves of the wallet.

The clipping announced that there was to be a masked ball that evening at a well-known hall in the city. With this as his main clue the inspector assured the diplomat that he would restore the papers, and, after assigning a detective to watch the palace, he hurried away to don a fancy costume. He was going to the ball.

Dressed as Officer. The only costume he could find was his old full dress Austrian uniform, a souvenir of the days when Prague was a part of the Austrian empire. As he was leaving his house, the detective at the legation telephoned him the daughter of the janitor of the legation had just left her apartments in the costume of Carmen.

It did not take the inspector long to locate Carmen at the ball. She was seeking a man who eventually appeared in the uniform of a Hungarian magnate, and wearing the customary black mask. The pair withdrew discreetly into a quiet room, and the inspector waited at the only exit.

Soon they came out, the girl wearing an expensive necklace she had not had on before. The inspector approached Carmen and the Hungarian magnate and spoke a few quiet but well-chosen words. There was no protest and no scene. They proceeded him to a taxicab, and on the way to the railroad station the inspector stopped at police headquarters. Expert hands searched the pair, and the inspector quietly took possession of the diplomat's portfolio, the necklace, and other pieces of jewelry.

Mr. D.— drove on alone, and arrived at the railroad station after the gates for the night train had been closed. On the platform he found the young diplomat with watch in hand trying to persuade the train crew to delay departure for just a few moments.

Mr. D.— made good his promise. He handed the diplomat his portfolio and in it were intact the missing documents and the jewels.

Mountain of Water Tosses Vessel in Air

Tacoma, Wash.—A mountain of water that rose from the sea was described here by Capt. George G. Mitchell of the Nawasco liner Brush. Capt. Mitchell said that on the morning of March 20, while the Brush was 50 miles off the coast of Mexico, sailors saw a long unbroken black line on the sea. This line approached the Brush rapidly, until it was seen that it was a wall of water fully 70 feet in height.

The ship was made ready for the onslaught and Capt. Mitchell said when the water hit the vessel it seemed as though a great hand clasped the ship and elevated it into the air. There was not a breath of wind at the time. For six hours the log of the Brush shows the vessel wallowed in swells equal to those off Cape Horn. The ship was driven miles off her course.

He Has Rude Awakening. Pipe Creek, O.—Max Cavallo, miner, went to sleep in the tracks of the Pennsylvania's Powhatan division. An engine rudely awakened him by tossing him off the tracks without injuring him except for a few cuts and many bruises.

PERSONAL MENTION

Geo. R. Edner of Garibaldi, was in the city Friday, with business at the court house. Mr. Edner formerly was a county commissioner and is now a carpenter of the mill city on the bay.

Albany—Storm sewers planned to drain 436 acres and cost approximately \$55,000.

Corvallis—Contracts to be let for construction of two public school buildings.

Miss Henrietta Struby who is stopping with her parents up on the Miami, was in the city visiting friends last Friday.

Lebanon — 4,000 White Leghorn cockerels shipped from here to Petaluma, California.

F. E. Thomas went to Portland on business on Monday of last week.

Astoria—Contract let for 2-story business block.

Miss Emmerson of Tillamook, was the week end guest of Miss Hatite Moore last week.

Winter wheat in Oregon showed a very decided improvement during April and a production of nearly 19,000,000 bushels is forecasted.

Park Rose to build 400,000 gallon concrete reservoir for reserve water supply.

C. C. Taylor of Cloverdale, transacted business in this city the latter part of last week.

O. H. Dahl, of Toledo, Oregon, a well known asparagus raiser on Yacquina bay, was here the latter part of the past week.

Portland —\$3500 garage at First and Main to be erected.

A man who gave his name as Tibbetts of McMinnville, was arrested by the police Saturday night in this city charged with drunkenness. He paid the city \$50 the next day, which was "blue Monday" for him. The cheapest kind of a drunk on the street of this city now costs 50 simoleons.

Fred Windler of Rockaway, was up from that growing little beach town last Tuesday on business.

Miss Elsie Erickson left for Portland Friday, where she will visit for a week, and later will go to Monmouth to finish her term in normal school at the latter place.

Mrs. Walter Nelson of near Tillamook went to Portland Friday last.

Miss Athyl Summerlin, who visited with Mrs. Clark Embum of east of town for several days the past week, returned to her home in Portland Friday.

J. R. Simonton of Brighton and son were in the city last Friday on business.

Mrs. Fred Small of this city, was a Portland stage passenger Friday morning.

Mrs. McConnell, whose husband is an employee of the Portland and Tillamook stage company, went to Portland Friday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl McNeil of this city on May 22, an 8-lb son. Grandma Phelps is wearing a smile that won't come off.

Morrison Mills, a well known dairyman of the Fairview district, is building a large dairy barn to accommodate his herd and hay.

Charlie Wilson, was up Tuesday from Garibaldi to get a truck to move his household goods to Portland where he will locate with a new position.

Miss Georgia Kiger, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. George Kiger, who has just completed a week's visit with the latter, returned to her home in Portland last Sunday morning by stage.

Miss Beulah Rogers was a stage passenger to Portland Tuesday last.

Lynn Partridge went to Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Martin whose husband is a well known employee in the Coates mill office, was a passenger to Portland Tuesday, where she will visit relatives and friends for a few days.

Mrs. C. J. Edwards went to Portland last Tuesday, where she will attend a meeting of the W. C. T. U.

Dave Petta is back from Oregon City, and will spend the summer in Tillamook.

David Kuratli, who recently returned from a trip to Hillsboro, reports that crops of all kinds look fine out in Washington county, and that the dairy business is reviving there. Dairy cows are in big demand and dairymen are paying increased prices for good milk cows.

A. E. Purvis, of Bay City, was in the city Friday last.

Ira Mesher of Bay City, was a county seat caller Saturday.

M. Farmer of Brighton transacted business in town last Saturday.

C. J. Edwards was a passenger to Portland by stage Sunday last.

Ray Williams who has been visiting with relatives and friends in Tillamook returned to his home in Portland Monday.

Geo. Bennett of Philomath, who has been visiting with his son, L. N. Bennett, principal of the high school, returned to his home Monday.

Mrs. Kelley Drake, who has been attending the wedding of her daughter Dora to Roy Dundas which took place at Dundee last Wednesday returned home Sunday evening.

Lester Phelps and mother, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Spitzmeyer and nephew, Jack Brown, motored to Pacific City Sunday.

Miss Zilpha Funk, sister of Gilbert Funk of this city came in Sunday from LaGrande to clerk in the Pennington store.

Fred Easter who recently spent a week in Tillamook visiting with rela-

tives and old friends, returned Monday to his home on the Siletz river in Lincoln county. The Easters formerly lived in this section.

Miss Marion Chance of Beaver was shopping in the city Tuesday.

B. E. King, Mrs. Emma Perkins, Mrs. A. N. Erskine, the Misses Gladys and Edith Hester, J. D. Brandsetter, Ben Becker and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Jones and family left Sunday afternoon for Seattle where they will attend the convention of the Nazarene church which meets there this week. Rev. Mary Clink left Monday morning for the same place.

The regular meeting of the society is the second Thursday in each month.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

The L. D. club met Friday afternoon May 18 at the home of Mrs. Henry White, with Mrs. Styles assisting hostess. The following members were present: Mesdames E. G. Anderson, Boone, Bunn, Frisbie, A. Harris, Hosiey, Hoy, Lamb, Leach, S. Moulton, Mathers, O'Dell and five guests, Mesdames Drew, Spear, Chilcott, Fuqua and Mrs. Smith of Portland. Delicious refreshments were served. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all. The club will meet June 1st at the home of Mrs. E. G. Anderson with Mrs. Armentout assisting hostess.

The Wabegwana club met at the home of Mrs. DeFord, with Harriet DeFord as assisting hostess. The evening was spent with sewing and cool games, Margaret Oathout being captain of the winning side. Lunch was served to sixteen members and two guests. Members present were: Mesdames DeFord, Ford, Hanslmair, Larson, Matthews, Beth Oathout, Margaret Oathout, Sherer, Smith, Terry, Thomas, Williams, Keesee, Loll and Misses Collins and DeFord. The guests were Mrs. C. A. Johnson and Marian Larson.

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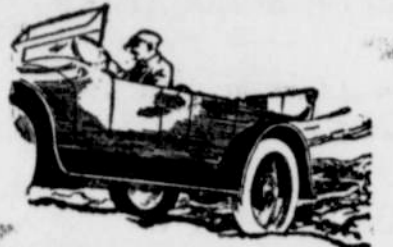
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society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. H. W. Spar Tuesday May 15. The officers elected are Mrs. Simpson Hamrick, pres.; Mrs. W. E. Noyes, vice pres.; Mrs. I. M. Smith, cor. sec.; Miss Jennie Reed, rec. sec.; Mrs. A. M. Ginn, treas.; Mrs. Lillian Higgs Faxon, supt. of the Light Bearers Dept.; Mrs. Noyes and Miss Reed, program committee.

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class met at the home of Mrs. Holden, May 21st. The life of was given very satisfactorily by Dunning pupils. A synopsis of Peer Gynt drama was given in an instructive manner by a number of the pupils. The instrumental were well given, each portraying curtly some part of the drama. Vocal solos, also, were well rendered. Light refreshments were served. Mrs. Clark Hatley with LaVerden assisting.



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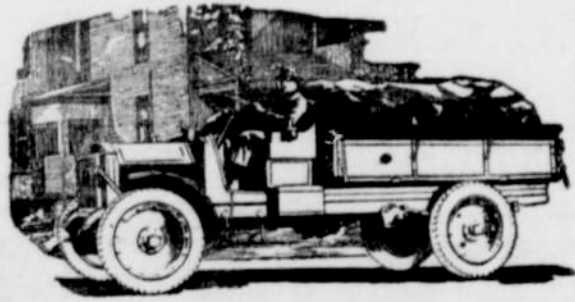
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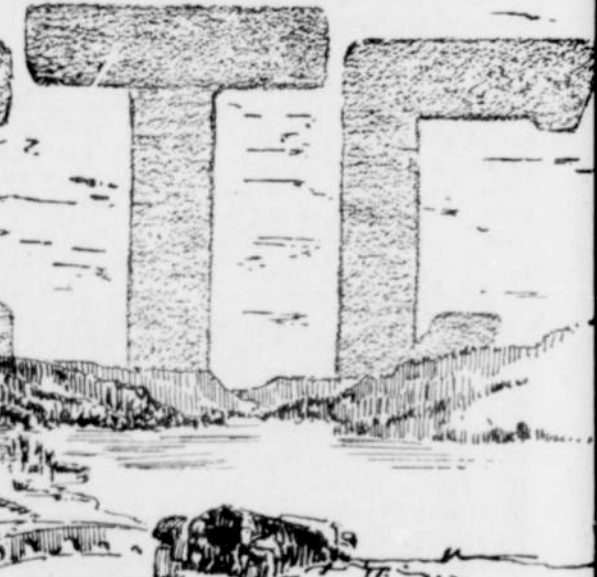
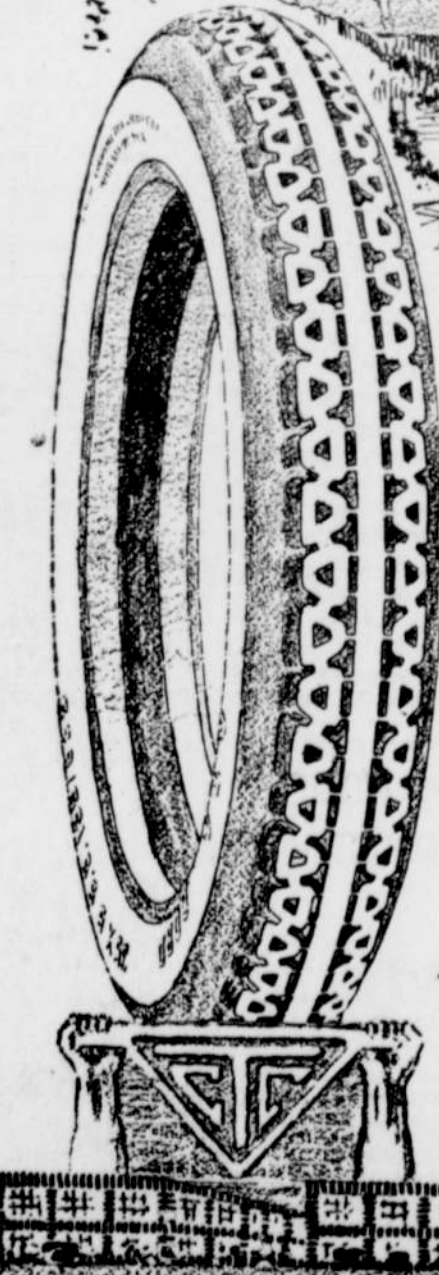
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